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For:

FLUORINE-CONTAINING ELASTOMER AND COMPOSITION THEREOF FOR

CROSSLINKING

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 22, 2003, kindly amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

2. (Twice Amended) A fluorine-containing rubber composition for crosslinking, which comprises a fluorine-containing elastomer having a carboxylic acid group present at both ends of a trunk chain as a crosslinkable group.

3. (Amended) The fluorine-containing rubber composition for crosslinking of Claim 2, wherein the fluorine-containing elastomer has a carboxylic acid group at an end of a branched chain as a crosslinkable group.